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Shaikh Ahmad Ali Al Thani, ruler of Qatar, scheduled arrive Riyadh today on official visit King Saud, who will meet him personally at airport along with Princes and Ministers. Shaikh will travel on board plane sent to fetch him by King.

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SUBJECT: Visit to Jordan By Ruler of Qatar.

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The Ruler of Qatar, H.H. Prince Ahmad ibn Ali AAL THANI, paid a state visit to Jordan August 2-5. The Ruler arrived in Amman by air from Beirut and was received at the Amman Airport with a 21-gun salute and full honors due a Head of State. King HUSSEIN, accompanied by Crown Prince MUHAMMAD, Prime Minister Bahjat TALHOUNI, members of the Cabinet, and other important civilian and military officials as well as Arab members of the Diplomatic Corps were at the airport to greet Prince Ahmad. Included in the Ruler's party were his son, Shaikh Abdul-Aziz ibn Ahmad AAL THANI, Secretary to the Government of Qatar Abdur-Rahman ad-DARWISH, Hasan SHABIB, Khaled ad-DAJANI, and ten others. Prince Ahmad was joined the next day by his father, the Ruler of Qatar Emeritus, Shaikh Ali ibn Abdullah AAL THANI, who arrived from Damascus by car.

The Chief of Protocol of the Foreign Ministry later told the Chargé that, although Prince Ahmad had at one time been issued a general invitation to visit Jordan, this visit had been unexpected and was only arranged at the last moment after the Ruler wired from Beirut announcing that he was coming. Nevertheless, despite the inconvenience, the Ruler received the full-dress VIP treatment: Key to the City of Amman, prayers at the tomb of King ABDULLAH, visits to the Jordan Cement Company factory, an Amman marble factory, and the Jubeiha Agricultural Experimental Station, and a Retreat Parade at Camp Abdali in Amman. In addition, the Ruler and his party were entertained at banquets given in their honor by the King, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Agriculture, and the Mayor of Amman. On August 4 the Qatar party, accompanied by the Prime Minister, went to the West Bank for the customary visit to the Holy Places and the Jordanian positions along the Armistice Line with Israel. The Ruler and his party left by plane for Qatar at an early hour on August 5; his father, after a visit to Hebron, returned to Damascus via automobile.

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COMMENT: Prince Ahmad's activities here seem to have been entirely of the pomp and circumstancial sort. The Prime Minister was quoted by al-Jihad as stating that the Ruler's visit was a private one during which no talks were held. There was no joint communiqué issued in contrast to the usual custom following such state visits. The Embassy's presumption is that since Prince Ahmad and his retinue were in the neighborhood on a tour that has included other Arab capitals, they decided to take up King Hussein's standing invitation to visit Jordan. The Embassy has received no information indicating that the Ruler's visit to Amman was in any way prompted by his concern over recent events in the Persian Gulf or that the Kuwait-Iraq crisis was discussed in any detail between the Ruler and his hosts. The Jordanians are primarily interested in Qatar, as in the other small oil-rich shaikhdoms, as a potential investor in Jordanian development and industrial projects and as an employment outlet for some of Jordan's excess labor force. Although the Ruler and his party were given a tour of a number of Jordanian factories, there was no mention made of any substantial Qatari investment in Jordan. The only concrete financial result of Prince Ahmad's visit was his contribution of JD 100,000 to the Jordanian Government and an additional JD 3,000 to various charitable organizations. The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Adel ash-SHAMAYLEH, told the DCM on August 9 that the JD 100,000 will be given to the Royal Jordanian Air Force, ~~probably to buy an airplane for the King~~.

For the Ambassador:

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Shaikh Ahmed Al-Thani, ruler of Qatar, visited King Saud in Riyadh yesterday. He returned to Doha last evening, after official dinner tendered him in Dammam by Amir Saud Ibn Jiluwi. According to member entourage, visit was a courtesy one on occasion King's return.

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SUBJECT: STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT OF QATAR; RELATIVE INFLUENCE OF RULER AND DEPUTY RULER; BRITISH REMAIN PREFERRED AS TECHNICIANS.

SUMMARY

SHAIKH AHMAD BIN 'ALI AL THANI (BGN: AHMAD BIN 'ALĪ ĀL THĀNI), RULER OF QATAR, REMAINS THE ABSOLUTE RULER OF HIS COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HOWEVER, HE HAS SET UP A GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE WITH SOME DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE STRONG POSITION OF THE DEPUTY RULER IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE POSITION OF ADVISER TO THE RULER (FORMERLY HELD BY A BRITISH CIVILIAN) HAS BEEN ABOLISHED BUT ITS FUNCTIONS ARE BEING PERFORMED BY OTHER OFFICIALS. BRITISH EXPERTS HAVE BEEN RETAINED IN LESS PRESTIGIOUS POSITIONS REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

ALTHOUGH QATAR REMAINS A SHAIKHDOM IN WHICH ALL POWER EMANATES FROM THE RULER (EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN RELATIONS AND DEFENSE WHICH ARE TREATY OBLIGATIONS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT), THE COMPLICATIONS OF MANAGING A MODERN STATE HAVE REQUIRED THE RULER TO SET UP A BASIC GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND TO DELEGATE SOME AUTHORITY TO THOSE UNDER HIM. AS IS TYPICAL IN SUCH GOVERNMENTS, THE RULER CONFERS WITH LEADING MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY AND MERCHANTS AS WELL AS DISCUSSING SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WITH HIS HIGHEST OFFICIALS BUT HE IS NOT IN ANY WAY BOUND TO FOLLOW THIS ADVICE.

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THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE QATAR GOVERNMENT ARE OUTLINED IN ENCLOSURE NO. I. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE QATAR GOVERNMENT IN EARLY 1960 WHEN SHAIKH 'ALI WAS RULER, SHOWS THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

1) SHAIKH KHALIFAH BIN HAMAD AL THANI (BGN: KHALĪFAH BIN ḤAMAD ĀL THĀNI), COUSIN OF SHAIKH AHMAD AND HIS RIVAL FOR THE RULERSHIP, HAS ACCEPTED SECOND PLACE, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. KHALIFAH HOLDS NOT ONLY THE POSITION OF "HEIR APPARENT" BUT ALSO THOSE OF "DEPUTY RULER" AND "MINISTER OF FINANCE". IN FACT HE ACTS SOMEWHAT AS A PRIME MINISTER AND THE BRITISH POLITICAL RESIDENCY, BAHRAIN, HAS MENTIONED THAT THERE IS A MOVEMENT AFOOT TO NAME SHAIKH KHALIFAH PRIME MINISTER. ALL GOVERNMENT CHECKS MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH THE RULER AND SHAIKH KHALIFAH.

2) THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS BEEN CREATED AND DEVELOPED. SUBORDINATE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE THROUGH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

3) THE POSITION OF ADVISER TO THE RULER, FORMERLY HELD BY A BRITISH EMPLOYEE OF THE QATAR GOVERNMENT, HAS BEEN ABOLISHED. ABOUT A YEAR AGO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ADVISER WERE UNDERTAKEN BY MR. AHMAD MULLA (BGN: AḤMAD MULLĀ) (A BAHRAINI OF PERSIAN EXTRACTION), WHO BECAME THE FIRST DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND ALSO PERFORMED THE FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATE TO THAT POSITION. IN OCTOBER MR. MULLA RESIGNED IN FRUSTRATION; HIS EFFORTS TO CUT UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURES AND MAKE THE GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENT WERE RECEIVING LITTLE SUPPORT FROM THE RULER AND HIS DEPUTY. IT IS STILL CONSIDERED POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT MULLA MAY EVENTUALLY RETURN AND TAKE UP HIS OLD POST AGAIN.

4) IN THE ABSENCE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION HIS DUTIES HAVE BEEN ASSUMED BY THREE OTHER OFFICERS OF THE QATAR GOVERNMENT. HASAN KAMIL (BGN: HASAN KĀMIL), THE LEGAL ADVISER, HAS TAKEN ON MR. MULLA'S ADVISORY DUTIES ON ALL SUBJECTS. MR. MULLA'S ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES ARE BEING CARRIED OUT BY MR. HIKMAT QADDURA, (BGN: ḤIKMAT QADDŪRA/H), GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANT, AND MR. BOND, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL.

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5. THE POSITION OF LEGAL ADVISER, PRESENTLY HELD BY DR. HASAN KAMIL, (CONGEN DESPATCH 123), HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE. HIS NORMAL DUTIES ARE DRAFTING LAWS AND ADVISING ON LEGAL MATTERS, SOMEWHAT ON THE LINES OF AN ATTORNEY GENERAL. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, HE ALSO ACTS AS QATAR'S DELEGATE TO MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS LONG BEEN A PRESERVE OF SHAIKH KHALIFAH. THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION IS SHAIKH JASSIM (BGN: QĀSIM), KHALIFAH'S BROTHER. BEFORE KHALIFAH ROSE TO HIS PRESENT POSITION THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICIES, FINANCES, ETC. WERE HIS RESPONSIBILITY AND HE MAINTAINS PRIMARY INFLUENCE THERE. THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MUSTAPHA DABBAGH (BGN: MUṢṬAFĀ AD DABBĀGH), AN EGYPTIAN, WAS DISMISSED AS A RESULT OF SOME POLITICAL TROUBLE BETWEEN COMPETING FACTIONS (E.G. MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, BAATHISTS) WITHIN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS THE PRESERVE OF SHAIKH AHMAD, THE RULER, AND HE HAS PLACED HIS SON, ABDUL AZIZ (BGN: 'ABD AL 'AZĪZ), IN AN UNNAMED POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ITS OPERATION. ABDUL AZIZ MAY EVENTUALLY BE GIVEN DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

COMMENT. THERE IS NO PRECISE DEFINITION OF LINES OF AUTHORITY IN THE QATAR GOVERNMENT. IT APPEARS THAT THE RULER AND DEPUTY RULER ARE WORKING SATISFACTORILY TOGETHER, AND THAT THE DEPUTY RULER PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE FORMULATION OF POLICY. ALTHOUGH SHAIKH AHMAD, THE RULER, IS THE UNDOUBTED AUTHORITY IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, SHAIKH KHALIFAH MAKES THE POLICY IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AT LEAST IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. MANY OTHER MATTERS ARE BROUGHT TO THE RULER'S ATTENTION THROUGH THE DEPUTY RULER, ALTHOUGH THIS VARIES WITH PERSONALITIES, FRIENDSHIPS AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS OF THE HEADS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES CONCERNED.

THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, THE COMMANDANT OF POLICE AND HIS ASSISTANT, THE GOVERNMENT ENGINEER AND SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYESS ARE BRITISH. ACCORDING TO MR. BOND, THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, THE QATAR GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY

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WISH TO CONTINUE TO EMPLOY BRITISH EXPERTS FOR SOME TIME IN SUCH FIELDS AS WATER, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS, CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS, AND PERSONNEL OFFICER BECAUSE THE BRITISH REQUIRE LESS SALARY THAN A SIMILARLY QUALIFIED ARAB, THEY ARE RELIABLE, AND THEY ARE APOLITICAL.

THE INFORMATION IN THIS DESPATCH HAS BEEN ACCUMULATED BY CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICERS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THE PRIMARY SOURCES WERE THE BRITISH POLITICAL AGENT, DOHA AND INTERVIEWS WITH QATAR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

John Evarts Horner

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AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL

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RULER ..... HH SHAIKH AHMAD BIN 'ALI AL THANI
(BGN: AHMAD BIN 'ALĪ ĀL THĀNĪ)

DEPUTY RULER ..... HE SHAIKH KHALIFAH BIN HAMAD AL THANI

MINISTER OF FINANCE .. " " " " " " "
(BGN: KHALĪFAH BIN HAMAD ĀL THĀNĪ)

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION ... VACANT

DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL ..... MR. T. R. BOND

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING ..... MR. HIKMAT QADDURA
(BGN: HIKMAT QADDURA/H)

STATE ENGINEER ..... MR. G. WEBSTER

CUSTOMS DIRECTORATE - DIRECTOR ... MUHAMMAD UTHMAN
(BGN: MUHAMMAD 'UTHMĀN)

PORTS AUTHORITY & CUSTOMS - PORT MANAGER ... ---

MINISTER OF EDUCATION ... SHAIKH JASSIM BIN HAMAD AL-THANI
(BGN: QASIM BIN HAMAD ĀL THĀNĪ)

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ... ABDUR RAHMAN ATBY (ACTING) (SYRIAN)
(BGN: 'ABD AL RAHMAN) 2/

POLICE DEPARTMENT -- SHAIKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN AHMAD 3/
COMMANDANT OF POLICE ..... (BGN: 'ABD AL 'AZĪZ BIN AHMAD)
MR. RONALD COCHRANE

1/ THIS LIST IS NOT DEFINITIVE, BUT IT IS THE BEST ESTIMATE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL ASSISTED BY THE BRITISH POLITICAL AGENT.

2/ ' IN THIS POSITION INDICATES UNWRITTEN ALIF.

3/ AHMAD'S SON HAS AN OFFICE AT THE POLICE FORT (HEADQUARTERS) TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH POLICE MATTERS ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO OFFICIAL POSITION.

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ASSISTANT COMMANDANT ..... MR. JACK BRIGGS

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR ..... ALI BIN HAMAD (AHMAD?) ANSARI
(BGN: 'ALĪ BIN ḤAMAD (AḤMAD?) AL ANṢĀRĪ)

LEGAL ADVISER ..... MR. HASAN KAMIL
(BGN: HASAN KĀMIL)

OTHER OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS:4/

AIRPORT - CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE,
INTERNATIONAL AERADIO LIMITED ..... MR. G. WRIGHT

CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
CIVIL ENGINEER ..... MR. A. J. JACK

LABOR OFFICE
DIRECTOR GENERAL ..... --

LAW COURT ..... HE SHAIKH KHALIFAH BIN HAMAD AL THANI

MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT DEPARTMENT
ENGINEER ..... MR. R. H. GLUE

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
STATE MEDICAL OFFICER ..... DR. A. M. NAGAH (EGYPTIAN)
(BGN: A. M. AN NĀQA/H)

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(BGN: 'ABD AL BADĪ' ṢAQR)

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WATER DEPARTMENT
WATER ENGINEER ..... MR. B. LYNCH
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4/ THE FOLLOWING OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS ARE GENERALLY TECHNICAL OFFICES OF THE GOVERNMENT. SINCE NO DETAILS ON ORGANIZATION ARE KNOWN, THESE ARE LISTED ALPHABETICALLY.

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